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H. R. 159

To establish the American Veterans Congressional Internship Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. HOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To establish the American Veterans Congressional Internship Program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMERICAN VETERANS CONGRESSIONAL IN-**
4 **TERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
6 the American Veterans Congressional Internship Pro-
7 gram, under which each Member of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives may hire, for a period not to exceed 12
9 months, one additional employee who meets the eligibility
10 criteria described in subsection (b) to serve as the Amer-
11 ican Veteran Congressional Intern.

1 (b) CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual is eligible to
3 serve as an American Veteran Congressional Intern
4 for the office of a Member of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives if the individual meets such criteria as
6 the Committee on House Administration may estab-
7 lish.

8 (2) SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND ASSUR-
9 ANCES.—Under the criteria established under para-
10 graph (1), an individual shall not be eligible to serve
11 as an Intern for the office of a Member of the House
12 of Representatives unless the individual provides the
13 following:

14 (A) A certification that the individual
15 served in the Armed Forces of the United
16 States or in the reserve components of the
17 armed forces.

18 (B) A certification that the individual was
19 honorably discharged from such service.

20 (c) COMPENSATION.—A Member of the House of
21 Representatives shall pay the American Veteran Congres-
22 sional Intern serving in the Member's office a total salary
23 of \$25,000, to be paid to the Intern at a rate of \$2,083.33
24 per month out of applicable accounts of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives.

1 **SEC. 2. NO EFFECT ON NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OR MEM-**
2 **BER'S REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE.**

3 The employment of an American Veteran Congres-
4 sional Intern by a Member of the House of Representa-
5 tives, and the payment of a salary to such an Intern by
6 a Member, shall be in addition to all personnel and allow-
7 ances otherwise made available to Members under other
8 provisions of law, rule, or other authority.

9 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

10 The Committee on House Administration shall pre-
11 scribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
12 this Act.

13 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

14 In this Act, the term “Member of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives” includes a Delegate or Resident Commis-
16 sioner to Congress.

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